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RESEARCH STUDY I

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FROM WHERE DO WISCONSIN STUDENTS COME WHO ATTEND THE STATE COLLEGES AND THE UNIVERSITY

Introduction

In Part 1 of this background study an analysis is presented of the 1956-57 First Semester Wisconsin enrollments of the state colleges and the University and its branches with special reference to the county origin of students.

It is contemplated that Part II of this study will include an analysis of both public and private Wisconsin higher education enrollments with attention to such matters as:

1. The college-age population per county in relation to the total population per county.
2. The total number per county attending Wisconsin colleges in relation to the college-age population per county.
3. The proportion of students by counties attending public and private colleges.
4. The number entering college as freshmen in relation to the number of high school graduates per county.

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Organization

Part I of this background study is divided into three major sections as follows:

1. What is the scope of the drawing power of each state college and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Milwaukee and the extension centers?

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2. How is the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University and state colleges distributed among the counties?

3. How is the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University and state colleges distributed in relation to the population of the State?

Section I

What is the scope of the drawing power of each state college and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Milwaukee and the extension centers?

A. The State Colleges

(all enrollment data are for First Semester 1956-57)

The ten state colleges have a combined enrollment of 10,365 Wisconsin students distributed among the colleges as follows:

College	Enrollment from Wisconsin
Eau Claire	1251
La Crosse	1403
Stout	948
Oshkosh	1335
Platteville	957
Institute of Technology	223
River Falls	926
Stevens Point	1308
Superior	855
Whitewater	1159

The majority of the state colleges offer special field majors which tend to extend the range of the drawing power of the college.

College	Special Field	Percent of Wisconsin's enrollment from home county and contiguous counties
Eau Claire	---	72.5%
La Crosse	Physical Education	51.0%
Stout	Industrial Arts and Home Economics	29.0%
Oshkosh	Library Science	66.0%
Platteville	Agriculture and Industrial Arts	58.0%
Institute of Technology	Engineering	56.0%
River Falls	Agriculture	42.6%
Stevens Point	Conservation	57.4%
Superior	---	69.3%
Whitewater	Commerce	48.3%

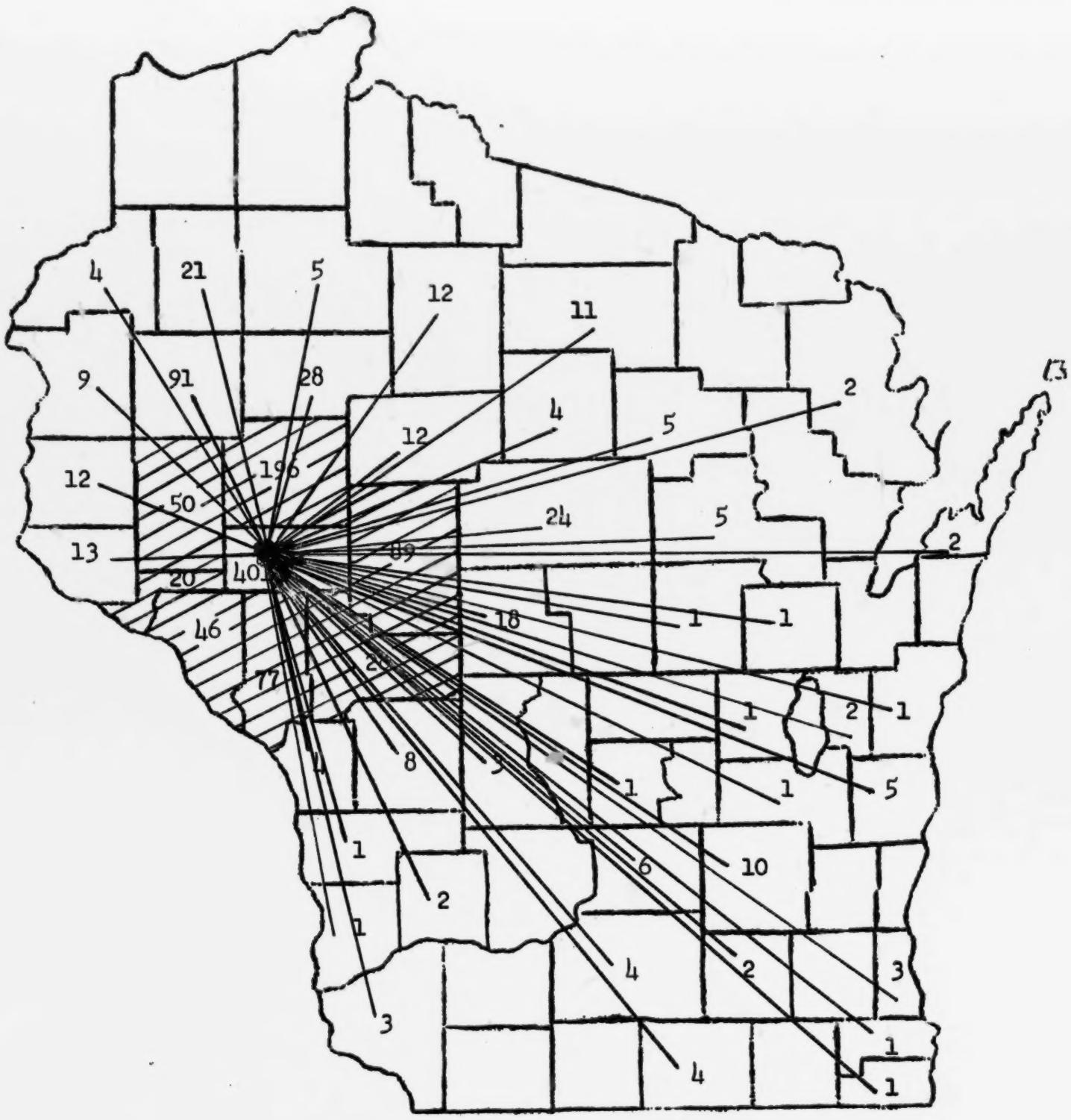
The drawing power of the state colleges is presented by means of the following series of maps.

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE -- EAU CLAIRE

Scope of Drawing Power

Based on First Semester

1956-57 Enrollment



Wisconsin enrollment - 1,251 -- 49 counties are represented

72.5% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Eau Claire and contiguous counties

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE -- LA CROSSE

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment - 1,403 -- 65 counties are represented

51% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from La Crosse and contiguous counties

STOUT STATE COLLEGE

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment - 948 -- 70 counties are represented

29% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Dunn and contiguous counties

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE -- OSHKOSH

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment - 1,335 -- 42 counties are represented

66% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Winnebago and contiguous counties

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE -- PLATTEVILLE

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment - 957 -- 43 counties are represented

58% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Grant and contiguous counties

WISCONSIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY -- PLATTEVILLE

Scope of Drawing Power

Based on First Semester

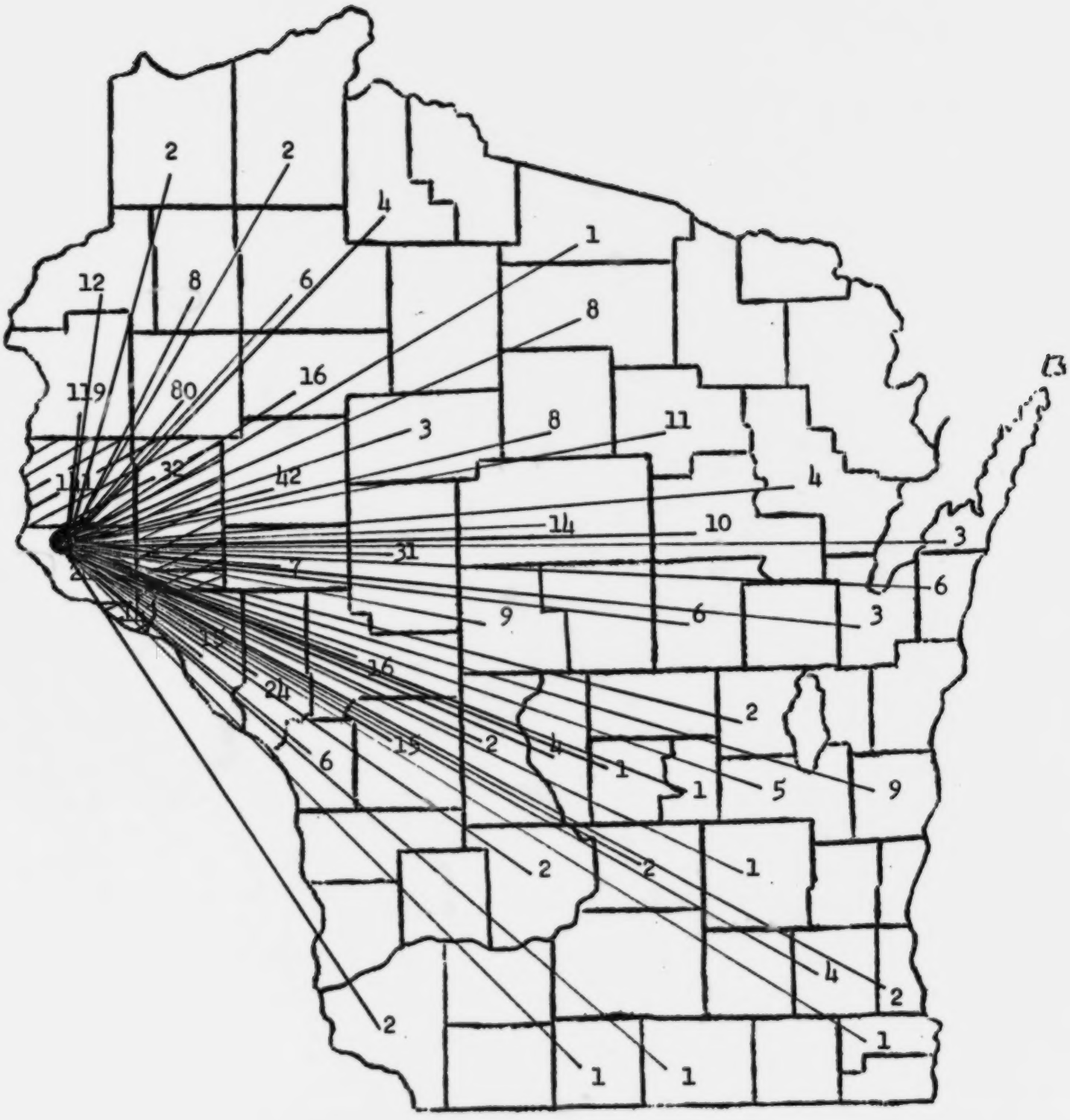
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment - 223 -- 42 counties are represented

56% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Grant and contiguous counties

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE -- RIVER FALLS

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

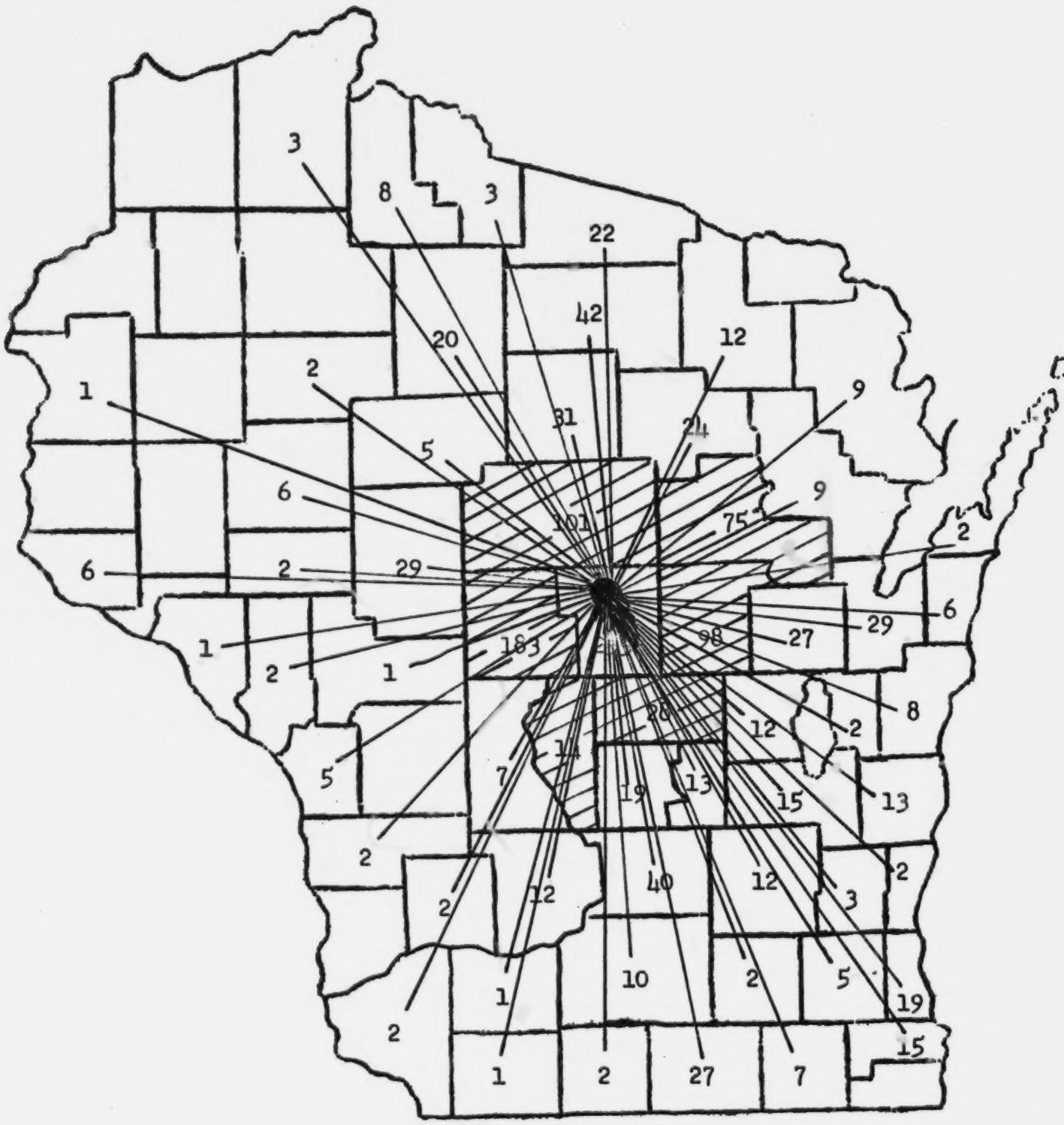


Wisconsin enrollment - 926 -- 50 counties are represented

42.6% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Pierce and contiguous counties

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE -- STEVENS POINT

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment



Wisconsin enrollment - 1,308 -- 59 counties are represented

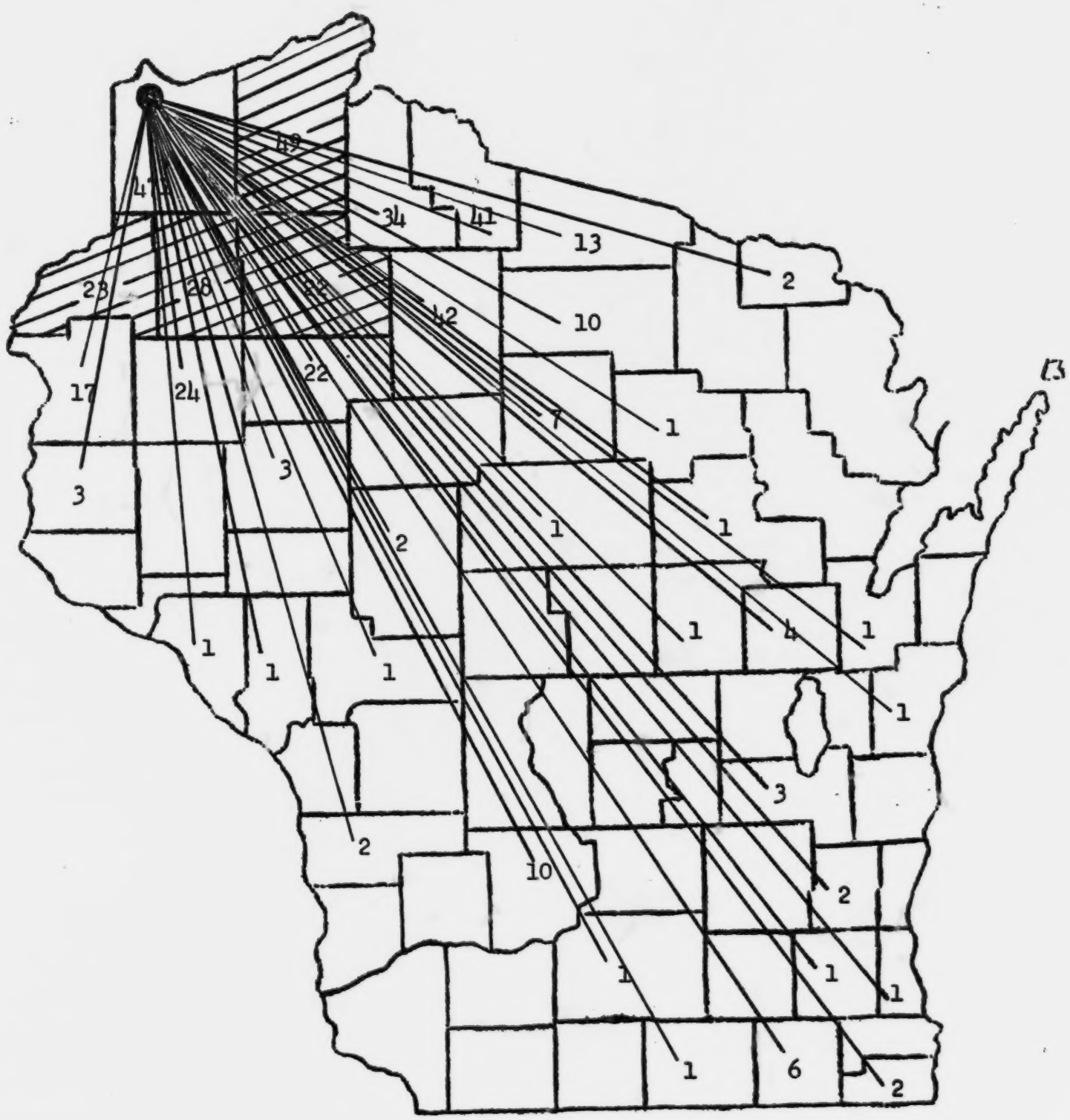
57.4% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Portage and contiguous counties

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE -- SUPERIOR

Scope of Drawing Power

Based on First Semester

1956-57 Enrollment

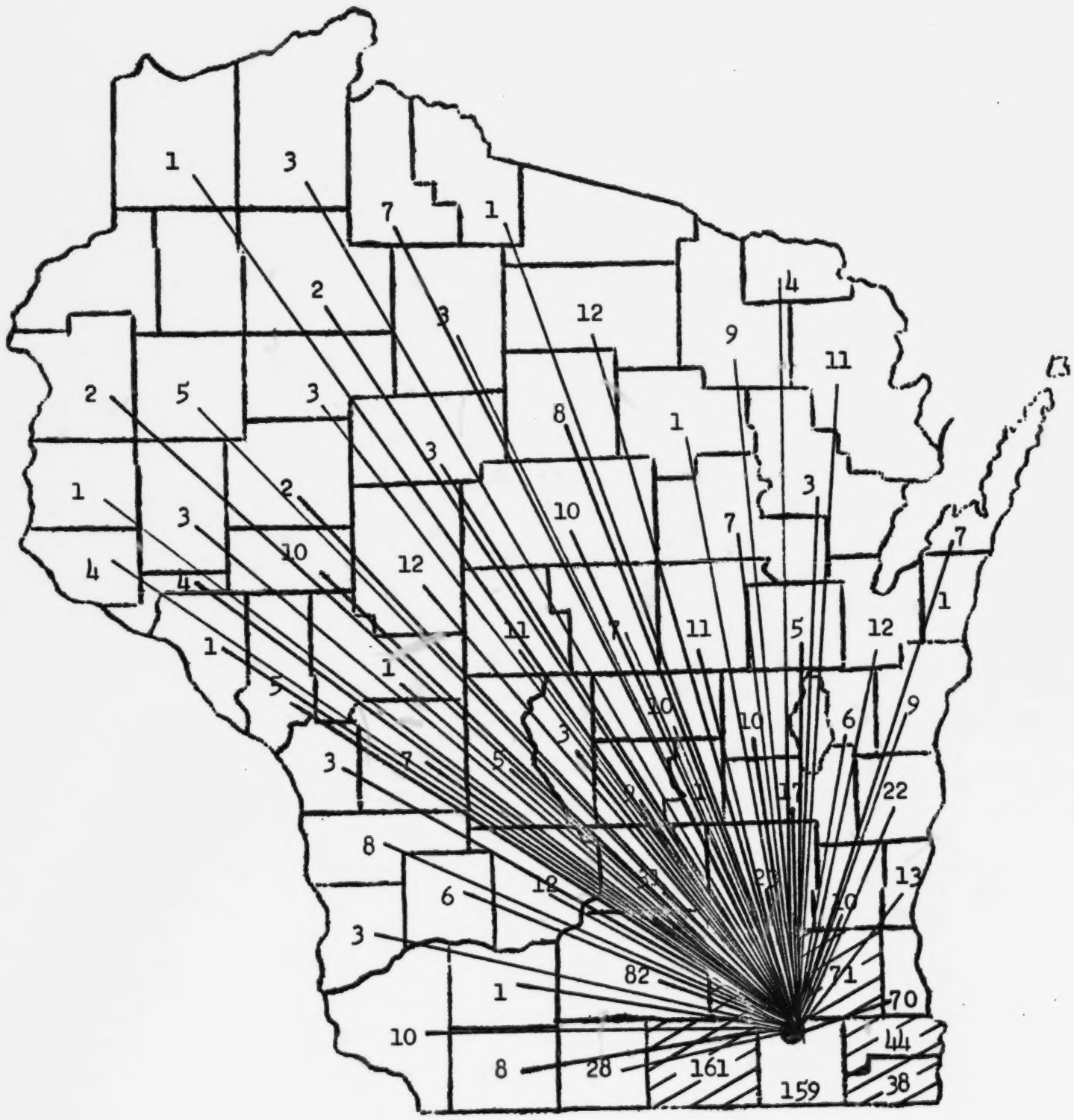


Wisconsin enrollment - 855 -- 41 counties are represented

69.3% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Douglas and contiguous counties

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE -- WHITEWATER

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment



Wisconsin enrollment - 1,159 -- 68 counties are represented

48.3% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Walworth and contiguous counties

Summary

The geographical location, the population of the county in which the state college is located and the population of contiguous counties, and the offering of a special-field major are dominant factors which influence the scope of the drawing power of the state colleges.

Each of the state colleges enrolls a large number of students from the county in which the institution is located and contiguous counties. In fact only three of the colleges--River Falls, Stout and Whitewater--draw less than 50% of their students from the home county and contiguous counties.

Eau Claire State College enjoys a favorable geographical location. The home county is one of the 18 most populous counties of the State, bounded by seven counties from which students come in sizeable number. In fact, 70% of the college enrollment is drawn from Eau Claire county and contiguous territory. Despite the fact that this college does not offer a special-field major, it does attract students from 49 counties.

La Crosse State College. With La Crosse county bounded on the west by Minnesota, the Wisconsin county contiguous territory is limited but the four contiguous counties do send nearly 200 students. All told, just over 50% of the students come from the home county and contiguous counties. La Crosse offers a special-field major in Physical Education which is the primary factor accounting for the extensive drawing power of this college. Students attend from all but six counties of the State.

Stout State College draws only 29% of its Wisconsin students from Dunn County and the seven contiguous counties. This institution specializes in Industrial Arts and Home Economics. It has a very wide drawing power with only one county in the State not sending students.

Oshkosh State College is very favorably located geographically and in a heavily populated territory. Sixty-six percent of the Wisconsin enrollment comes from Winnebago and contiguous counties. The drawing power of this institution is almost entirely focused on the eastern half of the State.

Platteville State College is located in Grant County in the southwestern corner of the State. Fifty-eight percent of the Wisconsin enrollment comes from the home county and the four contiguous counties. The outreach of the State College at Platteville extends northeastward and this is to be expected since this college offers a special-field major in Agriculture and Industrial Arts as do River Falls and Stout to the west--northwest.

The Institute of Technology specializes in Mining and Civil Engineering. Fifty-six percent of the Wisconsin enrollment comes from Grant and contiguous counties. A scattering of from one to five students come from 38 counties throughout the State.

River Falls State College draws 42.6% of its Wisconsin enrollment from Pierce and contiguous counties. The contiguous territory is limited due to the location of the home county on the Minnesota border. This college offers a special-field major in Agriculture which is the dominant factor in attracting students from 50 counties throughout the State.

Stevens Point State College is very favorably located in central Wisconsin. Fifty-seven and four-tenths percent of the Wisconsin enrollment comes from Portage and the six contiguous counties. This institution has an extensive outreach attracting students from all but 12 counties. The drawing power is influenced to some degree by the special-field major which is offered in Conservation.

Superior State College, located in the far northwest corner of the State, draws 69.3% of the Wisconsin enrollment from Douglas and contiguous counties. Due to the location of Douglas County on the Minnesota border, contiguous territory is limited and the outreach of the institution for Wisconsin students must be in a southerly direction. From mid-State southward, 25 counties send from one to ten students northward to Superior despite the fact that this college does not offer a special-field major.

Whitewater State College is favorably located geographically in a heavily populated area of the State. The contiguous territory in relation to Walworth County is limited due to its location on the Illinois border, but even so, 48.3% of the Wisconsin enrollment comes from Walworth and contiguous counties. The special-field major in Business Education and Business Administration offered by this college is the main factor responsible for the very extensive drawing power. Students attend Whitewater State College from all but three counties in the State.

Section I

B. The University of Wisconsin, Madison and Milwaukee

(all enrollment data are for First Semester 1956-57)

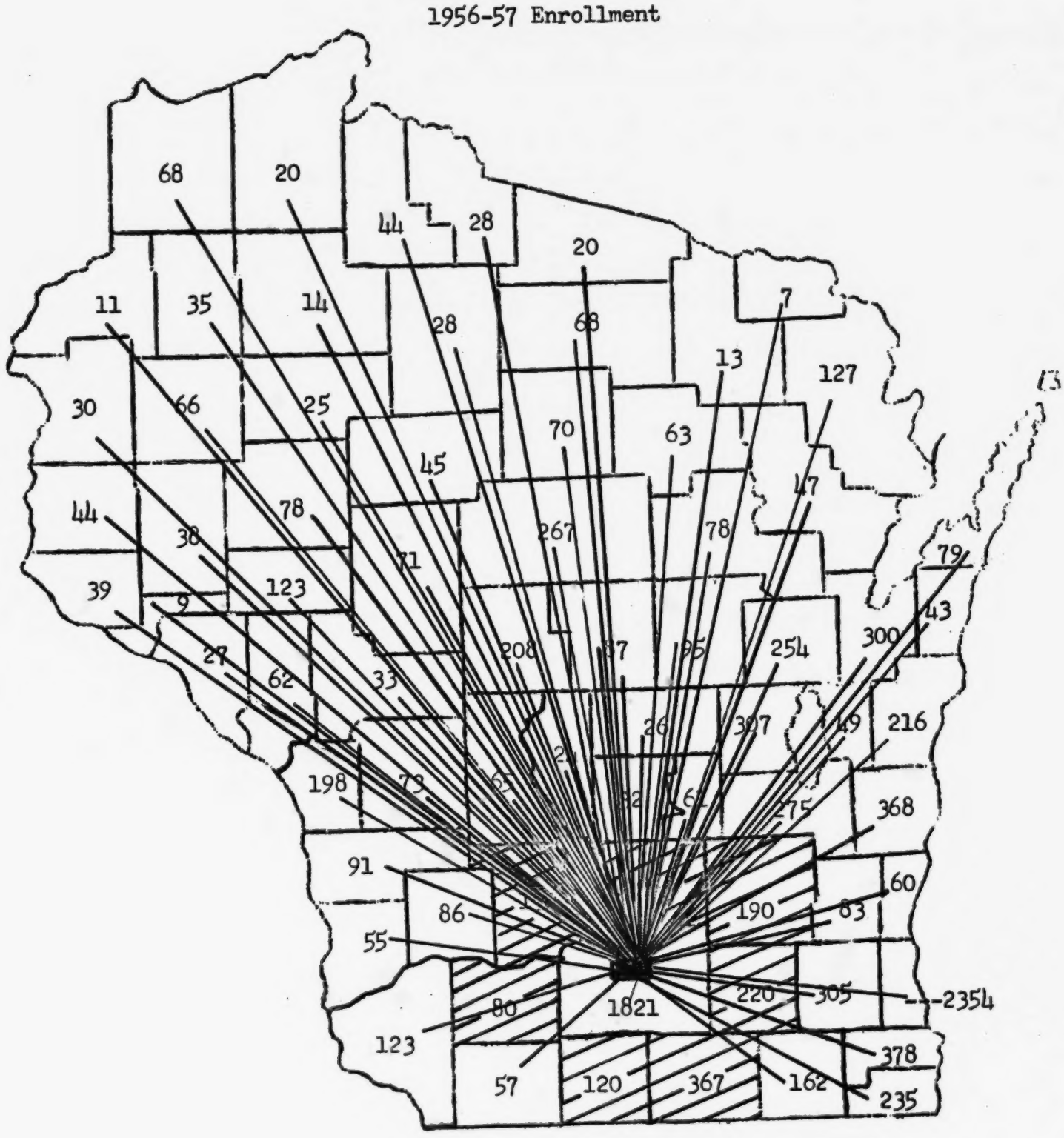
The University enrollment of Wisconsin students is distributed as follows:

	Enrollment from Wisconsin	Percent of Wisconsin enrollment from home county and contiguous counties
UW, Madison	11,581	28.0%
UW--Milwaukee	3,967	84.5%

The drawing power of the University, Madison and Milwaukee campuses, is presented by means of the following maps:

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN--- MADISON

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

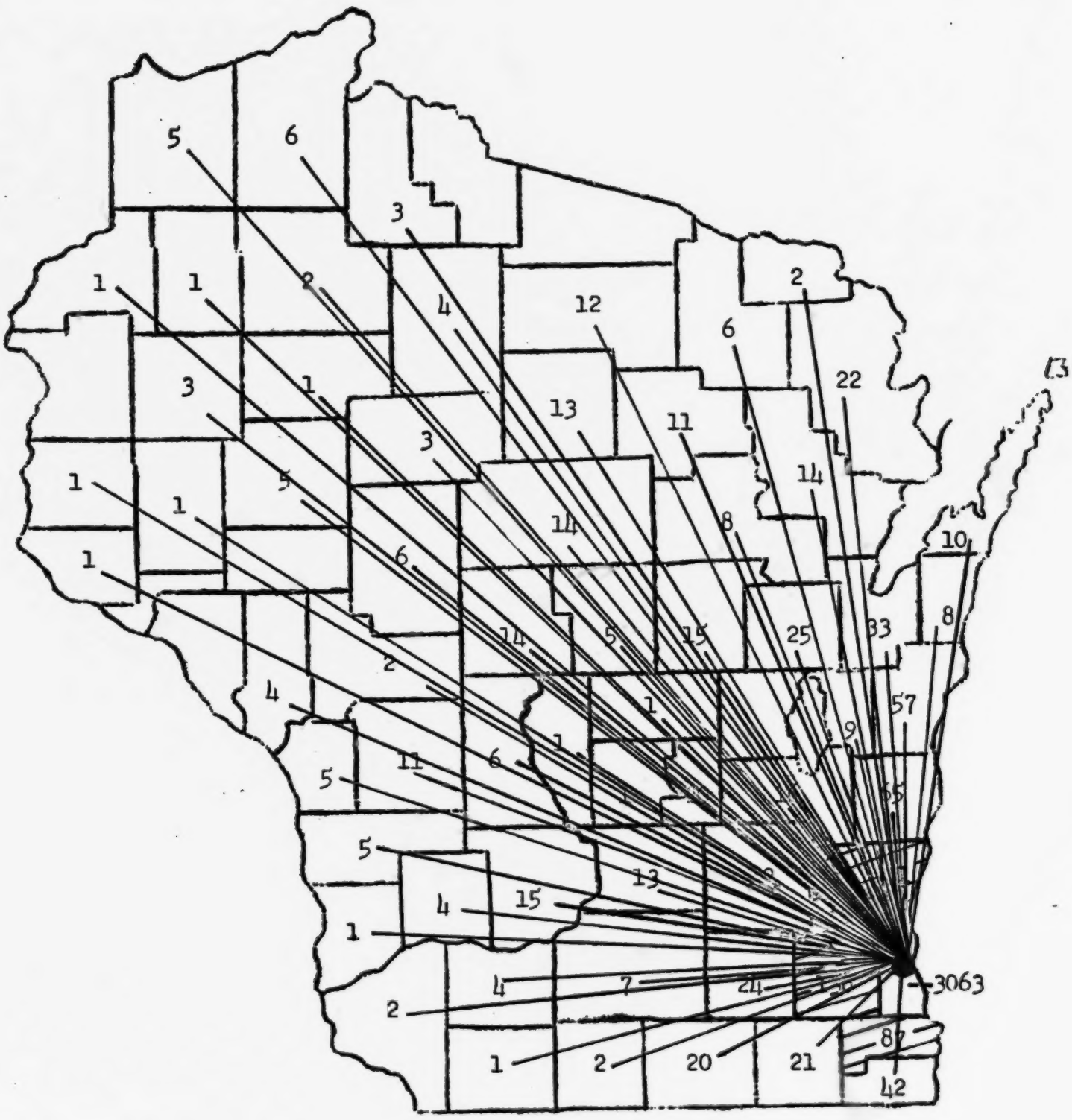


Wisconsin enrollment -- 11,581

28% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Dane and contiguous counties

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN -- MILWAUKEE

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment



Wisconsin enrollment - 3,967 -- 64 counties are represented

84.5% of Wisconsin enrollment comes from Milwaukee County and contiguous counties

Summary

The University of Wisconsin at Madison draws students from every county. Only eight counties send less than 25 students to the Madison campus and these counties are among the eighteen least populous counties of the State. Twenty-eight percent of the Wisconsin enrollment comes from Dane and contiguous counties.

On the other hand, the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee draws 84.5% of its Wisconsin enrollment from Milwaukee County and contiguous counties. All but seven counties send students to the Milwaukee campus but the number of students per county is on a much reduced scale in contrast to the number coming from the various counties to the Madison campus.

Section I

C. The University of Wisconsin Extension Centers

(all enrollment data are for the First Semester 1956-57)

The eight Extension Centers have a combined enrollment of 1,520 Wisconsin students distributed among the Centers as follows:

Center	Enrollment from Wisconsin	Enrollment from home county and contiguous counties	Number of counties represented
Green Bay	250	229	18
Kenosha	297	297	2
Manitowoc	97	96	5
Marinette	37	37	2
Menasha	142	142	3
Racine	377	367	13
Sheboygan	107	107	2
Wausau	213	203	11

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTERS

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Total Wisconsin enrollment for the eight Extension Centers -- 1,520

31 counties are represented

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTER -- GREEN BAY

Scope of Drawing Power

Based on First Semester

1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment -- 250

18 counties are represented

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTER -- KENOSHA

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment -- 297

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTER -- MANITOWOC

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment -- 97

5 counties are represented

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTER -- MARINETTE

Scope of Drawing Power

Based on First Semester

1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment -- 37

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTER -- MENASHA

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment -- 142

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTER -- RACINE

Scope of Drawing Power

Based on First Semester

1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment -- 377

13 counties are represented

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTER -- SHEBOYGAN

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment -- 107

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CENTER -- WAUSAU

Scope of Drawing Power
Based on First Semester
1956-57 Enrollment

Wisconsin enrollment -- 213

11 Counties are represented

Summary

In terms of enrollment, the eight extension centers serve a total student body just slightly larger than that of a state college. Of course the extension center program is limited to freshmen and sophomore students.

With reference to geographical location of students, 31 counties are represented with 91% of the extension center enrollment coming from the 18 most heavily populated counties of the State. Seven of the centers are located in counties included among the 18 most populous counties in the State.

The enrollments in the centers at Kenosha, Manitowoc, Marinette, and Sheboygan consist almost entirely of students from the home counties -- that is, the county in which the center is located. The enrollment in the Menasha Center is divided with about half from Winnebago County and half from Outagamie County. The centers located at Green Bay, Racine and Wausau have a scattering of students from counties beyond the contiguous county zones.

The Extension Work Committee of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs plans to study the following subjects which are directly related to the Extension Center Program:

1. The matter of duplication with reference to the University Extension Centers, the state colleges and other collegiate programs.

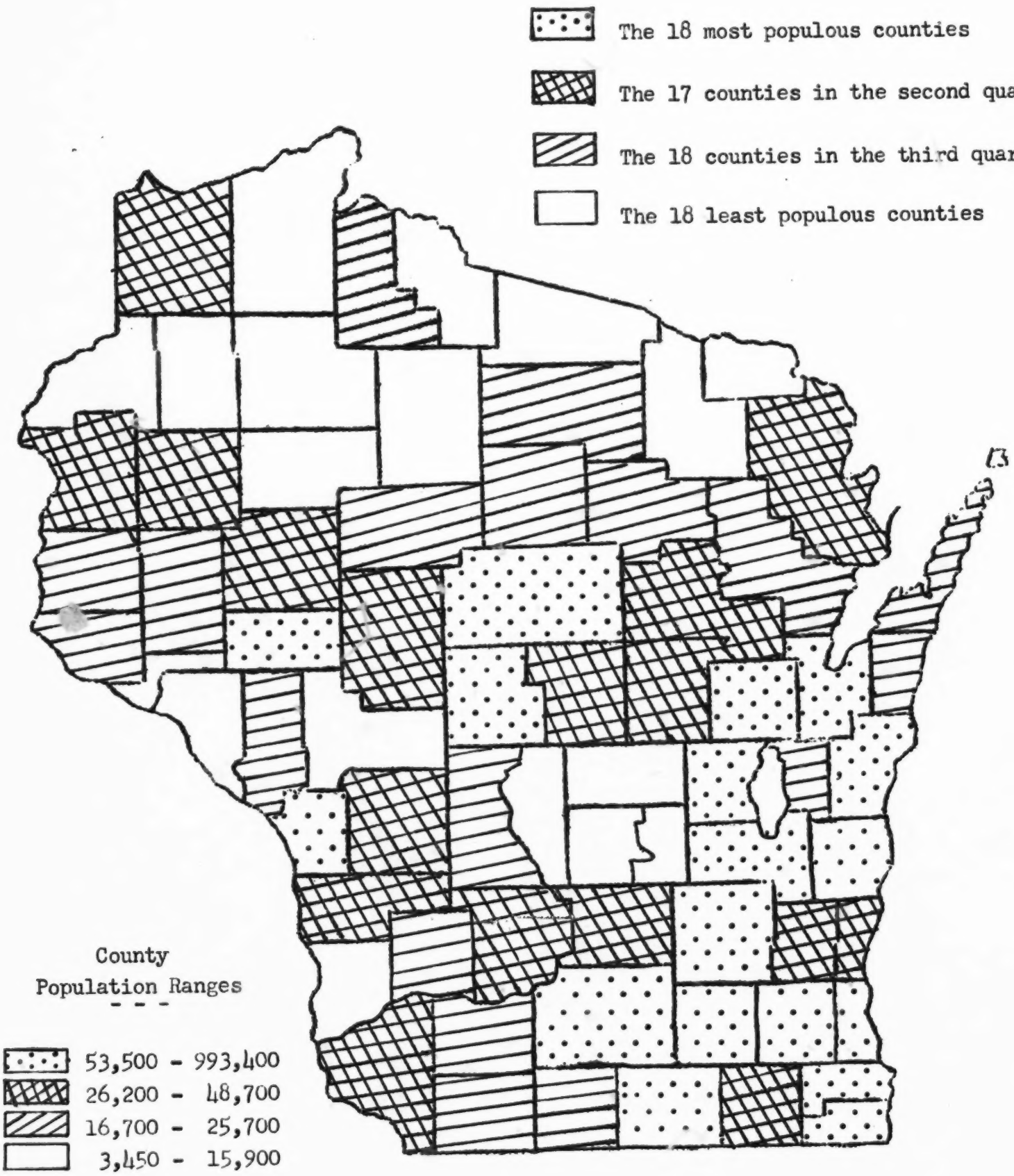
2. The junior college problem in Wisconsin.

Section II

How is the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University and State Colleges distributed among the counties?

For this phase of the study, the 71 counties of the State were arranged in rank order from most populous to least populous and then divided into four groups with the 18 most populous counties comprising the top quarter and the 18 least populous counties making up the lowest quarter. The data are presented by means of the following map and bar graphs:

THIS MAP SHOWS WISCONSIN'S COUNTIES GROUPED BY QUARTERS ACCORDING TO POPULATION: *



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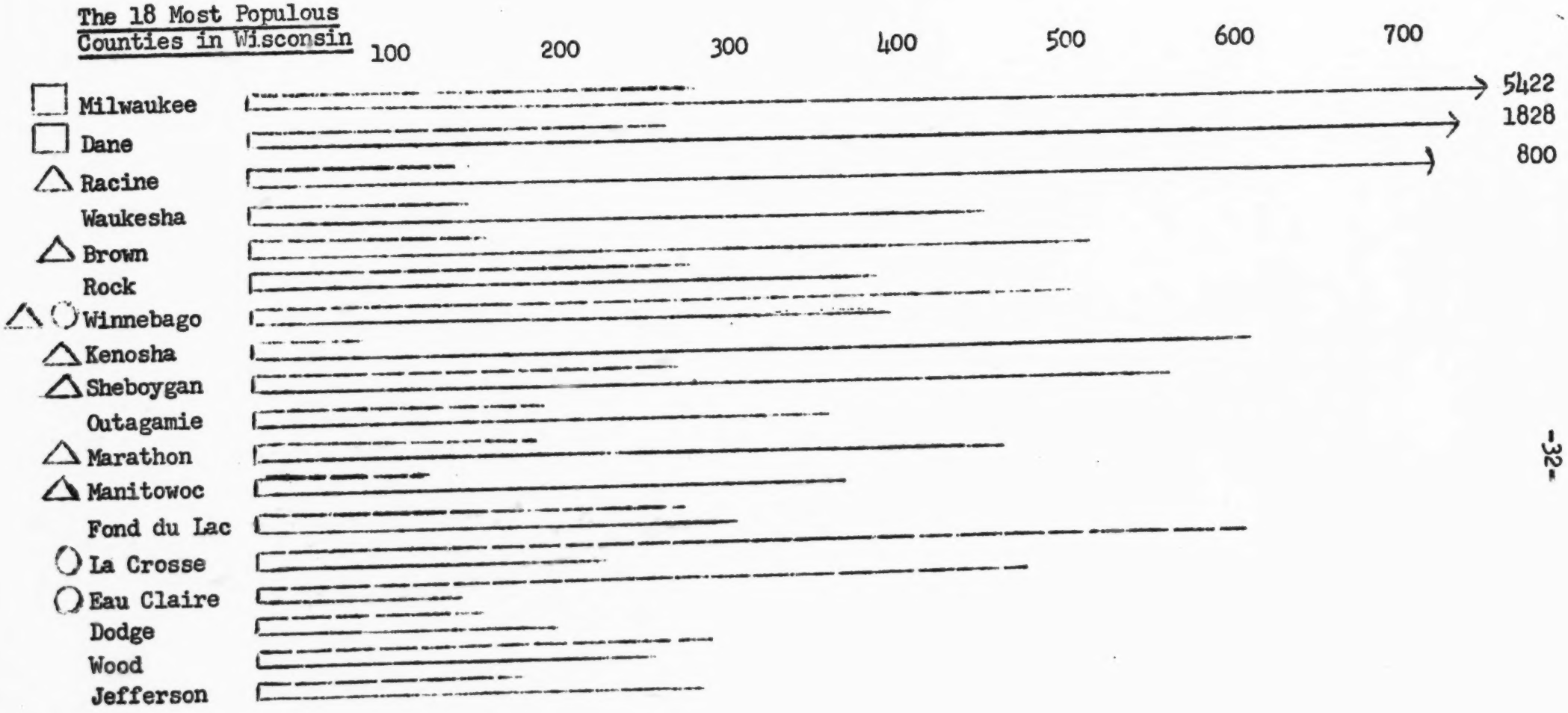
WISCONSIN STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY COUNTIES IN THE STATE COLLEGES AND THE UNIVERSITY *



The University of Wisconsin -- Madison and Milwaukee

University Extension Center

State College

* All enrollment data are for First Semester 1956-57.

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Total Population	2,608,900	--	69% of Wisconsin population
Number of students attending State Colleges	4,167	--	40% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin
Number of students attending University	13,389	--	78% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin
Number of students attending State Colleges & Univ.	17,556	--	64% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin

THE 18 MOST POPULOUS COUNTIES IN WISCONSIN [1]

Milwaukee
Dane
Racine
Waukesha
Brown
Rock
Winnebago
Kenosha
Sheboygan
Outagamie
Marathon
Manitowoc
Fond du Lac
La Crosse
Eau Claire
Dodge
Wood
Jefferson

The University of Wisconsin--Madison and Milwaukee
University Extension Center
State College

THESE COUNTIES CONTAIN:

* 69% of Wisconsin's Population

* 64% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University

* 40% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges

* 78% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University.

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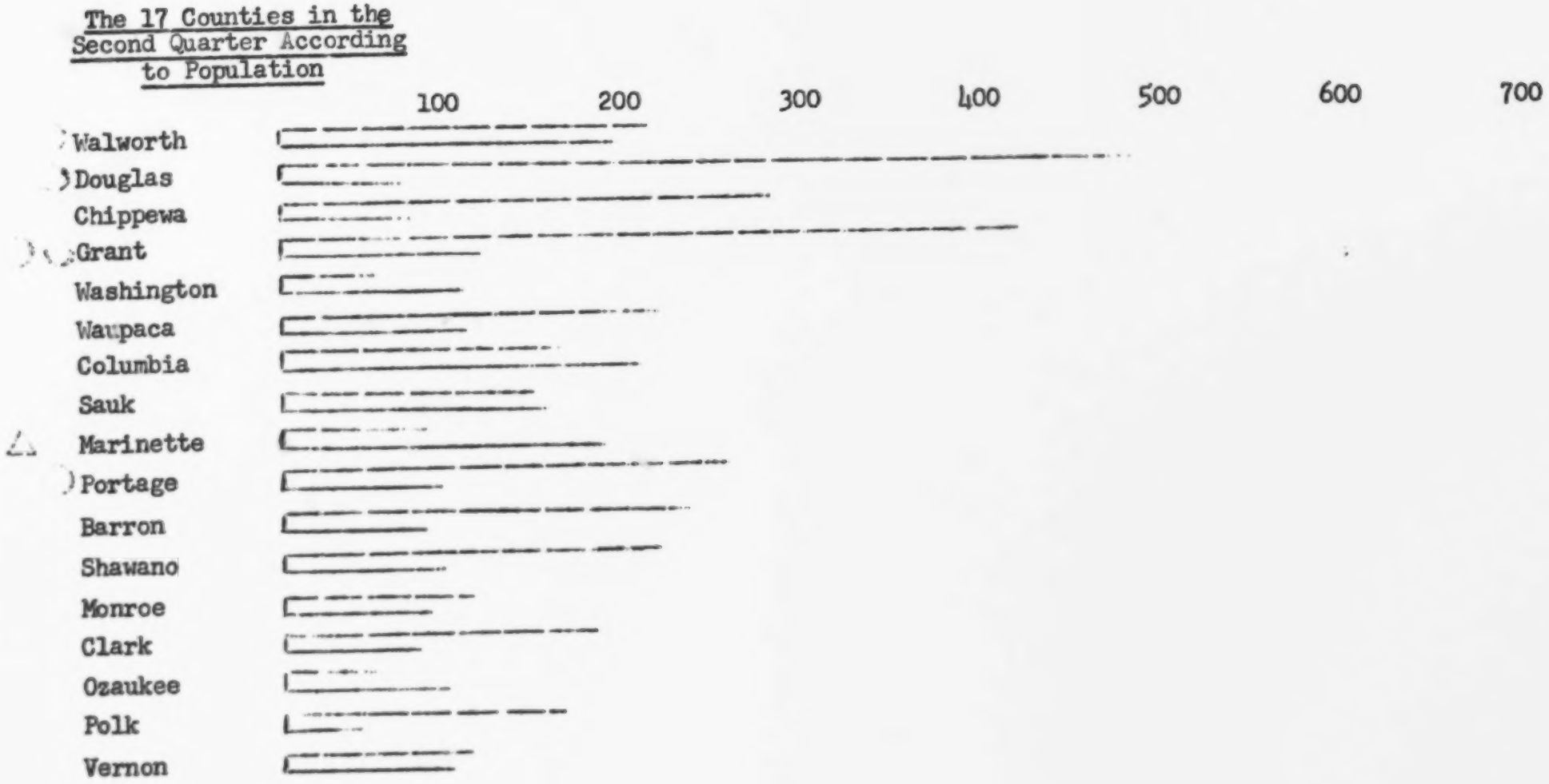

△ University Extension Center

State College

* All enrollment data are for First Semester 1956-57.

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Total Population	626,800	--	16% of Wisconsin Population
Number of students attending State Colleges	3,320	--	32% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin
Number of students attending University	1,883	--	11% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin
Number of students attending State Colleges & Univ.	5,203	--	19% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin

THE 17 COUNTIES IN THE SECOND QUARTER ACCORDING TO POPULATION[1]

Walworth

Douglas

Chippewa

Grant

Washington

Waupaca

Columbia

Sauk

Marinette

Portage

Barron

Shawano

Monroe

Clark

Ozaukee

Polk

Vernon

University Extension Center

State College

THESE COUNTIES CONTAIN:

* 16% of Wisconsin's Population

* 19% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University

* 32% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges

* 11% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University.

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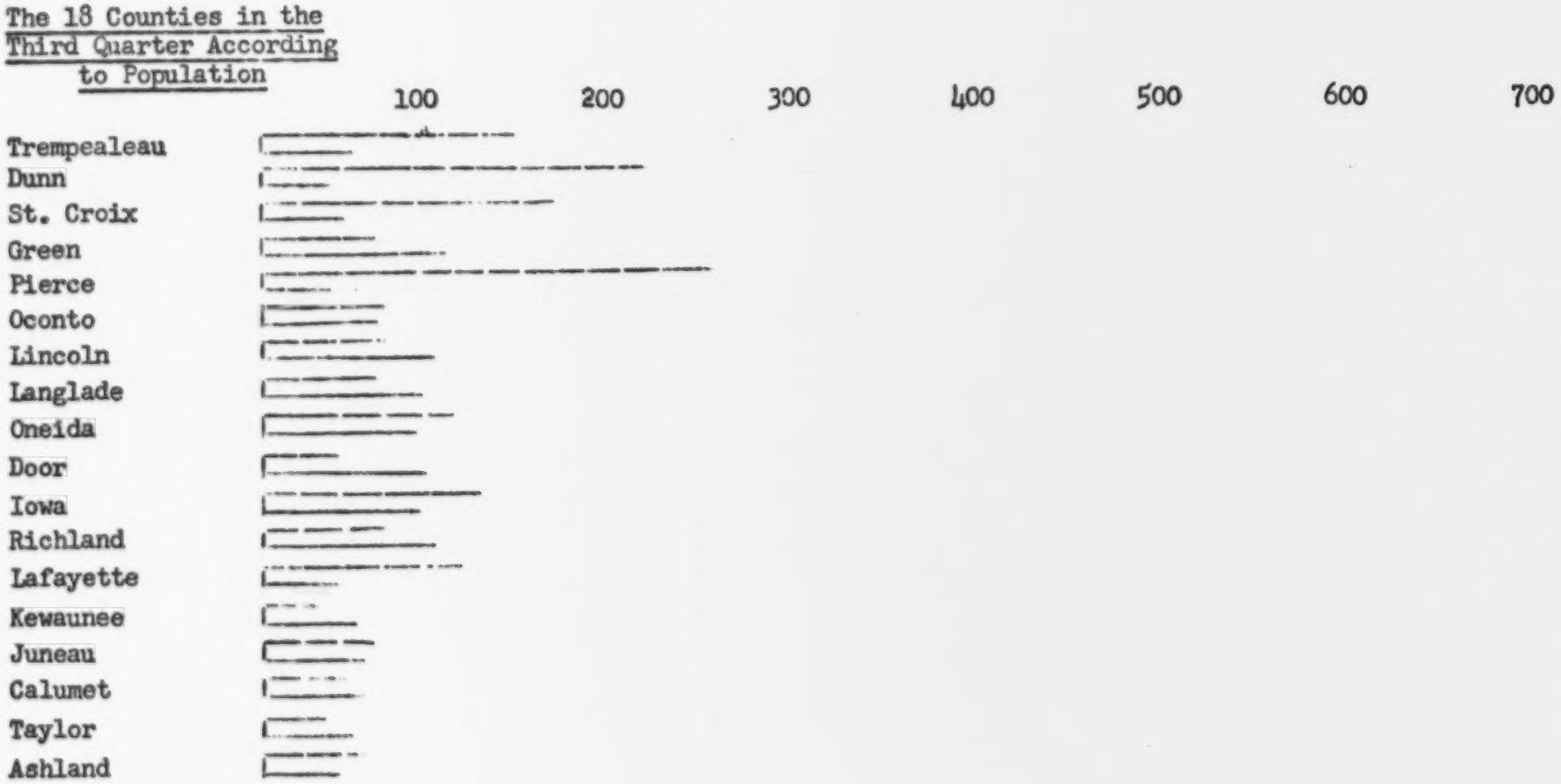

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Total Population	377,800	--	10% of Wisconsin Population
Number of students attending State Colleges	1,823	--	18% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin
Number of students attending University	1,284	--	8% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin
Number of students attending State Colleges & Univ.	3,107	--	11.5% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin

THE 18 COUNTIES IN THE THIRD QUARTER ACCORDING TO POPULATION[1]

Trempealeau

Dunn

St. Croix

Green

Pierce

Oconto

Lincoln

Langlade

Oneida

Door

Iowa

Richland

Lafayette

Kewaunee

Juneau

Calumet

Taylor

Ashland

THESE COUNTIES CONTAIN:

* 10% of Wisconsin's Population

* 11.5% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University

* 18% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges

* 8% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University.

State college

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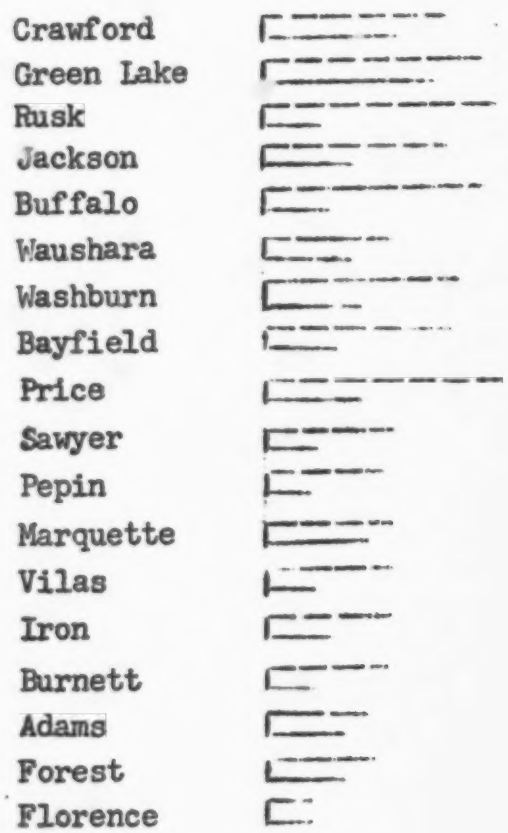
WISCONSIN STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY COUNTIES IN THE STATE COLLEGES AND THE UNIVERSITY *

The 18 Least Populous Counties in Wisconsin



* All enrollment data are for First Semester 1956-57.

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Total Population	191,550	--	5% of Wisconsin Population
Number of students attending State Colleges	1,055	--	10% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin
Number of students attending University	512	--	3% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin
Number students attending State Colleges & University	1,567	--	5.5% of Enrollment from State of Wisconsin

THE 18 LEAST POPULOUS COUNTIES IN WISCONSIN[1]

	THESE COUNTIES CONTAIN:
Crawford	
Green Lake	
Rusk	
Jackson	
Buffalo	* 5% of Wisconsin's Population
Waushara	
Washburn	
Bayfield	
Price	* 5.5% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University
Sawyer	
Pepin	
Marquette	
Vilas	
Iron	* 10% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges
Burnett	
Adams	
Forest	
Florence	* 3% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University.

Summary

The 35 most populous counties of the State which contain 85% of Wisconsin's population account for 83% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the state colleges and the University.

The 18 most populous counties contribute over 75% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University. The University of Wisconsin, Madison and Milwaukee campuses, and seven of the extension centers are located in counties within this group. Forty percent of the Wisconsin student enrollment in state colleges comes from these heavily populated counties. Three state colleges are located in counties within this group.

The 17 counties in the second quarter according to population contribute 32% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the state colleges and 11% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University. Five state colleges and one University extension center are located in counties which are included in this group.

The 36 least populous counties which contain 15% of the State's population account for 17% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the state colleges and the University. There are two state colleges located in these counties.

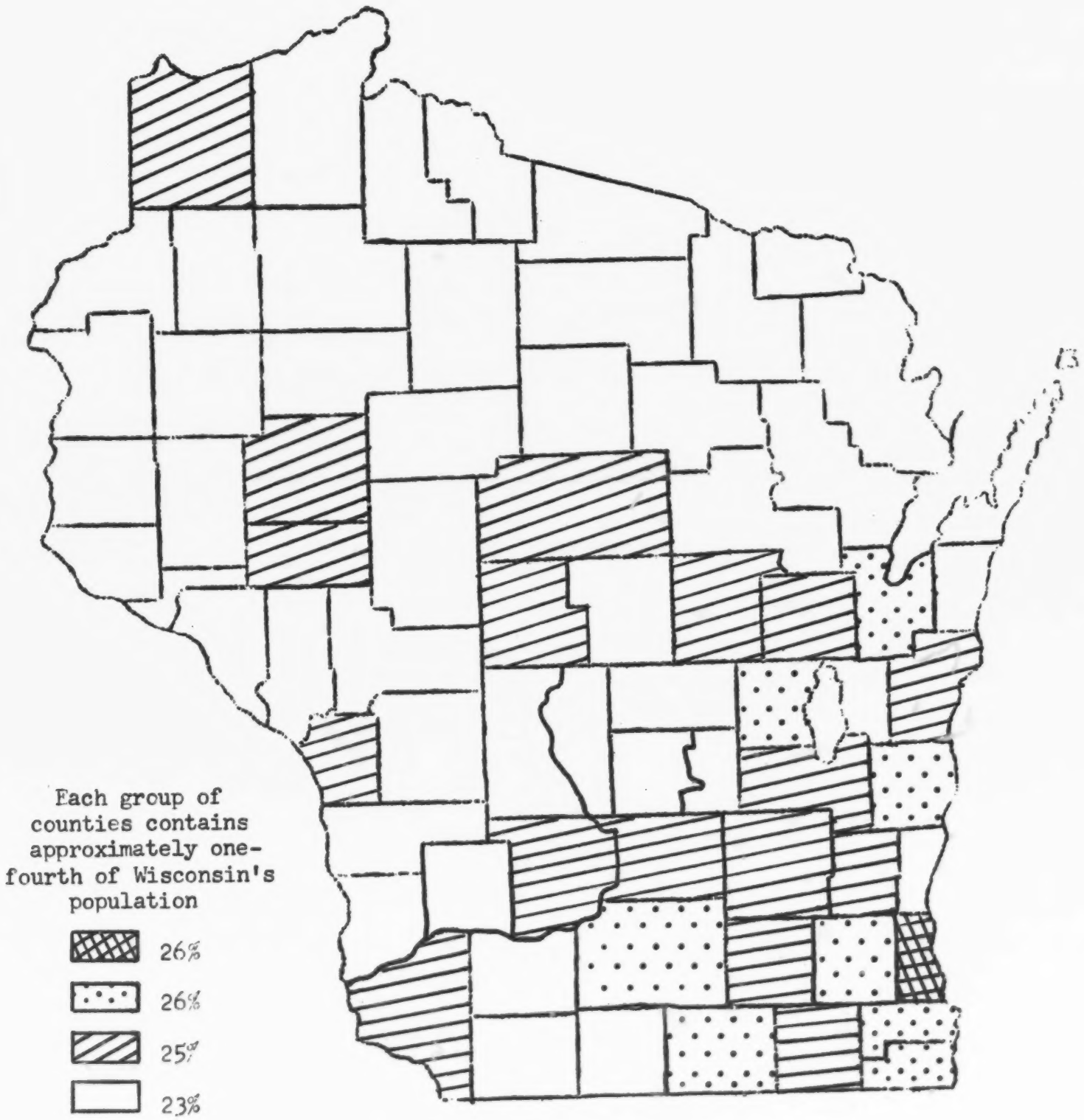
Section III

How is the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University and State Colleges distributed in relation to the population of the State?

In developing this part of the study, the total population of the State was divided into four equal parts. Then the 71 counties were arranged in rank order from most populous to least populous and divided into four groups with each group containing approximately one quarter of the population of the State.

The following map and tables present this picture:

THIS MAP SHOWS WISCONSIN COUNTIES DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS
WITH EACH GROUP CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY ONE-FOURTH OF THE POPULATION OF THE STATE



FIRST GROUP OF COUNTIES[1]

☐ Milwaukee

THIS COUNTY CONTAINS:

* 26% of Wisconsin's Population

* 20.7% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University

* 2.5% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges.

* 31.7% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University.

☐ The University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee

1 Population estimates for Wisconsin Counties, January 1957 by Professor D. G. Marshall, University of Wisconsin.

THE SECOND GROUP OF COUNTIES[1]

(The counties are arranged in rank order from most populous to least populous)

		THESE COUNTIES CONTAIN:
□	Dane	
△	Racine	
	Waukesha	
△	Brown	* 26% of Wisconsin's Population
	Rock	
△ ○	Winnebago	
△	Kenosha	* 26% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University
△	Sheboygan	
		* 15.5% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges
		* 32.3% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University

□ The University of Wisconsin, Madison

△ University Extension Center

○ State College

[1] Population estimates for Wisconsin Counties, January 1957 by Professor D. G. Marshall, University of Wisconsin.

THE THIRD GROUP OF COUNTIES[1]

(The counties are arranged in rank order from most populous to least populous)

		THESE COUNTIES CONTAIN:
	Outagamie	
△	Marathon	
△	Manitowoc	
	Manitowoc	* 25% of Wisconsin's Population
	Fond du Lac	
○	La Crosse	
○	Eau Claire	* 28.3% of the Wisconsin student
	Dodge	enrollment in the State Colleges
	Wood	and the University
	Jefferson	
○	Walworth	
○	Douglas	* 41% of the Wisconsin student
	Chippewa	enrollment in the State Colleges
○ ○	Grant	
	Washington	
	Waupaca	* 20.5% of the Wisconsin student
	Columbia	enrollment in the University
	Sauk	

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○ State College

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THE FOURTH GROUP OF COUNTIES[1]

(The counties are arranged in rank order from most populous to least populous)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
△ Marinette	Lincoln	Jackson
○ Portage	Langlade	Buffalo
Barron	Oneida	Waushara
Shawano	Door	Washburn
Monroe	Iowa	Bayfield
Clark	Richland	Price
Ozaukee	Lafayette	Sawyer
Polk	Kewaunee	Pepin
Vernon	Juneau	Marquette
Trempealeau	Calumet	Vilas
○ Dunn	Taylor	Iron
○ St. Croix	Ashland	Burnett
Green	Crawford	Adams
Pierce	Green Lake	Forest
Oconto	Rusk	Florence

△ University Extension Center

○ State College

THESE COUNTIES CONTAIN:

* 23% of Wisconsin's population

* 25% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University

* 41% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges

* 15.5% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University

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Summary

Milwaukee County with 26% of the population of the State contributes just slightly over 20% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University. This County accounts for 31.7% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University.

The second group of counties, the eight most populous in the State excluding Milwaukee, and, containing 26% of the State's population, account for exactly 26% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University. The University of Wisconsin, Madison, five University Extension Centers, and Oshkosh State College are located in this group of counties. Thirty-two percent of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University and 15.5% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges come from these counties.

The third group of counties, seventeen in number, contain 25% of the population of Wisconsin and account for 28% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and University. Six State Colleges and two University Extension Centers are located in this group of counties. These 17 counties account for 41% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and 20.5% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University.

The fourth group of counties, consisting of the forty-five least populous counties of the State, contain 23% of the population of the State and contribute 25% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and the University. Three State Colleges and one University Extension Center are located in this group of counties. Forty-one percent of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the State Colleges and 15.5% of the Wisconsin student enrollment in the University come from these 45 counties.